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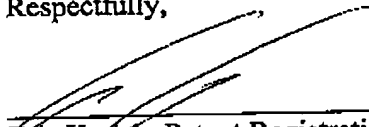
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In response to the Office Letter mailed **October 21, 2005**, please accept the enclosed Amendment and Response to Office Action.

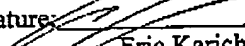
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Letter dated **October 21, 2005**, the following amendments and/or remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.